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THE FOLLOWING POINTS SHOULD BE ADDED TO REFTEL:

1. MEDIA CONSTANTLY REFLECT GOP SUPPORT OF ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA ON GSP ISSUE.
 2. MEDIA CONSTANTLY REFLECT HIGH DISFAVOR IN WHICH GOP HOLDS APRA PARTY. APRA PARTY CONTINUALLY DEPICTED BY MEDIA AS AGENT OF CIA. VISITORS HERE WOULD DO WELL TO AVOID MENTION OF APRA PARTY.
 3. THE PRESS IS CAUTIOUS IN DEALING WITH THE QUESTION OF A BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR TO THE SEA. HOWEVER, EACH ARTICLE STRESSES PERU'S RIGHTS UNDER THE 1929 TREATY OF LIMA AND ITS PROTOCOL. THE WARNING TO THE GOP IS CLEAR: THAT THE LEFTISTS IN THE MEDIA (AND NATIONALISTS OF ALL POLITICAL PERSUASIONS) WILL WATCH CLOSELY TO BE CERTAIN THAT THE GOP DOES NOT MAKE WHAT THEY WOULD CONSIDER TO BE UNDUE CONCESSIONS. THIS WARNING FROM THE LEFT
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IS ALL THE MORE REASON FOR THE GOP TO MOVE VERY

CAUTIOUSLY IN DEALING WITH THE CHILE/BOLIVIA
PROPOSALS.

THE PRESS, PROBABLY REFLECTING THE GOP'S OWN CAUTION,
IS DOUBLY CAUTIOUS IN DEALING WITH ANY ISSUE INVOLVING
POSSIBLE TENSIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. IT WOULD
NEVER REFER TO ANY CURRENT TENSIONS DIRECTLY. HOWEVER,
THE LEFTIST PRESS PRINTS OR REPRINTS A NUMBER OF ARTICLES,
ORIGINATING ABROAD, UNFAVORABLE TO CHILE THAT DEAL WITH
HUMAN RIGHTS, THE CHARACTER OF THE CHILEAN MILITARY
GOVERNMENT, AND CHILE'S ECONOMIC TROUBLES. THERE IS
LITTLE OR NO EDITORIALIZING ON THESE SUBJECTS, NOWEVER.
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